

2 Kings 13:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 13: God's patience with recurring apostasy. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 13 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Decline of Israel and Judah) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the

biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 13 regarding god's patience with recurring apostasy?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּעַשׂ	דָּבָר ע	בְּעֵינֵי י	יְהוָה ה	וּלְלֵךְ	אֲחֵר
And he did	that which was evil	in the sight	of the LORD	H1980	H310
H6213	H7451	H5869	H3068		
אֶת חַטֹּאת	יִרְבֹּעַם	בֶּן	נָבָט	אֲשֶׁר	הִחֲטָא יֵא
the sins	of Jeroboam	the son	of Nebat	H834	to sin
H2403	H3379	H1121	H5028		H853
				H2398	
וַיַּשְׁכֵּא ל	לֹא	סָר	מִמֶּנָּה:		
which made Israel	H3808	he departed	H4480		
H3478		H5493			

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 14:16 (Creation): And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

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